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Author Links CIA to Yank's Death in Chile

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CIA agents may have ordered the execution of an American writer during Chile's bloody military coup five years ago because he "knew too much" about U.S. involvement, a new book says.

Charles Horman, 31, of New York, was one of the two Americans among the thousands of people reported killed in the 1973 military coup that ousted Marxist President Salvador Allende.

Horman was taken from his house in Santiago September 17 and his body was officially identified October 18. The other dead American, Frank Teruggi, of Des Plaines, Ill., was detained in his home September 20 and his body was found October 2.

Though Chile's military junta denies executing either, author

Thomas Hauser charges junta troops arrested and killed Horman, probably with the knowledge of U.S. officials and perhaps under their orders because Horman had stumbled into signs Washington was involved in the coup.

Hauser said he hopes his book, "The Execution of Charles Horman," to be reprinted in part by Penthouse in November, will spark a congressional investigation of Horman's death.

"Charles Horman was killed because he knew too much and this was done between the CIA and the local authorities," the book quotes Rafael Gonzalez, a former Chilean army intelligence officer who fled Chile in 1978, as saying.

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